

**Wirt Bruton Kills Wife and Child, a Nephew and Himself**  
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Word was received in Fort Towson yesterday evening that Wirt Bruton, living near Rufe, has run amuck and killed his wife, nine months old child and a nephew, Clifford Hughes.

After killing his wife and child, he went to the home of Hughes several miles away and killed him, after which he returned home and killed himself. Family trouble and bad whiskey, to which he was addicted, is supposed to have been the cause of the trouble. He used a 30-30 gun in his mad escapade.

Mrs. Bruton, the dead woman, was a sister to Mrs. Albert Johnson of this place, who was visiting friends in Ada at the time of the tragedy, news of which was immediately wired to her and she is expected to arrive today.